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Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
The Portals, 12<sup>th</sup> Street Lobby  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St., SW, Counter TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Ex Parte Presentation  
IB Docket No. 01-185

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Thursday, October 10, 2002, David Otten, Chairman & CEO of Celsat America, Inc. ("Celsat"), and the undersigned of this firm, met with Ed Thomas and Bruce Franca of the FCC's Office of Engineering and Technology. At the meeting, Celsat reiterated its view that the FCC should permit MSS licensees to incorporate an ancillary terrestrial component (ATC) into their satellite networks as soon as possible. Celsat also stated its position – as reflected in its comments in this proceeding – that the proposed conditions on the use of ATC set forth in the FCC's *Flexible Use NPRM* are sufficient to ensure that ATC remains truly ancillary to the satellite service.

In accordance with Section 1.49(f)(1) of the Commission's rules, an electronic version of this letter is being submitted for inclusion in the docket listed above. Please direct any questions concerning this matter to the undersigned.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brian Weimer

cc: Ed Thomas  
Bruce Franca